

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re the PATENT APPLICATION of

SHIGETA, Kaku

Appln No: to be assigned

Filed: Jan. 20, 2004

For: GRAVURE PRINTING METHOD
AND GRAVURE PRINTED ITEM

Ex. to be determined

Art Unit: to be determined

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENT

This paper is a Preliminary Amendment co-filed with the new utility application identified above; this paper is filed for the purpose of eliminating multiple dependent claims. It is respectfully requested that the filing fee be calculated **after entry of this amendment.**

This paper is formatted in accordance with the "Revised Format for Amendments" dated July 30, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: